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Early week prices were lower in all areas except New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed in all locations prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand ranged light to very good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate and reported as more available than has been noted in the past month. Demand was very light with most breakers concerned with an over abundance of company owned nest run production and regular commitments and the inability to slow breaking schedules due to incoming shell eggs. Schedules full-time. Most contractual agreements continue to be fulfilled. Floor stocks at least adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Light type fowl demand was mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	80-84	78-82	58-62
Philadelphia	78-83.5	77-81.5	57-64.5

SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	70-77	68-73	51-58
Jackson (1)	80-82	77-79	64-66
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	78-88	76-86	58-69

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	69-73	67-71	49-53
Detroit (2)	65-70	64-69	48-55
Major Ohio Cities (2)	67-71	66-69	50-53
Major Wisconsin Cities	68-75	67-73	51-55

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	86-88	83-86	66-68
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	101	86
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 6-Dec-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	83.22	81.36	64.60
SOUTHERN	81.08	78.68	64.27
MIDWEST	73.76	72.07	58.06
WESTERN	101.15	97.78	83.60
TWELVE METRO AREAS	87.33	84.90	69.98

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-10-02	12-03-02	12-11-01
Large	46-50	51-55	33-36
Medium	30-34	37-41	14-18

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 09, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	22.1	9.3	17.0	11.8	70.5
	Change	1.2	3.3	0.3	-1.5	-0.1	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	70.8	15.8	27.4	33.0	176.0
	Change	0.0	21.7	1.6	-0.3	1.6	16%
Large	Curr Wk	52.1	133.6	96.2	102.9	131.7	516.5
	Change	1.4	28.2	16.9	11.2	10.5	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.5	55.5	24.1	19.2	31.6	144.9
	Change	3.0	5.7	1.1	-6.0	-0.8	2%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	8.4	5.6	3.7	5.7	26.3
	Change	0.2	-3.4	0.0	-1.6	-1.7	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	24.6	8.1	20.0	7.3	64.7
	Change	-0.6	-1.6	0.3	2.5	-0.7	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.6	42.8	32.9	31.6	40.8	185.7
	Change	10.3	0.8	12.3	1.2	0.6	16%
Total	Curr Wk	151.1	357.8	192.0	221.8	261.9	1184.6
Percent	Change	11%	18%	20%	3%	4%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1184.6	11%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	281.7	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1466.3	9%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,249,520	29,869	11,504	6,386	2,443	4,472
PW	1,052,524	26,506	8,906	4,594	1,876	3,862
LY	1,251,878	27,715	13,257	7,026	3,002	4,622
% CHG PW	19	13	29	39	30	16
% CHG LY	0	8	-13	-9	-19	-3
2002	59,107,435	1,383,083	564,130	303,063	136,284	209,730
2001	56,910,401	1,293,545	570,135	304,698	125,900	203,197
% CHG YTD	4	7	-1	-1	8	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.80	41.68	42.03
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.22	38.01	38.34

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u>	
	19 Selected States	Dec 07	19 Selected States	Dec 07
	Nov 30	Dec 07	Nov 30	Dec 07
	Thousand			
AL	28,164	27,958	20,386	20,953
AR	29,362	29,336	21,996	23,291
DE	3,600	3,415	4,810	5,314
FL	2,258	1,582	2,467	2,091
GA	*29,946	30,627	*24,229	25,115
KY	*6,066	6,636	*5,020	5,443
MD	9,890	9,947	6,131	5,312
MS	18,691	18,505	15,265	15,125
NC	17,795	18,174	*14,122	13,595
OK	6,320	6,386	5,144	4,525
PA	3,489	3,501	2,527	2,366
SC	4,632	4,526	3,870	3,440
TX	*14,941	14,875	*12,241	11,711
VA	6,211	5,984	5,288	4,861
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,777	19,275	*18,253	18,823

19 State Total ***201,142** **200,727** ***161,749** **161,965**

Previous Year Total 211,929 204,465 165,267 167,382

Pct. of Prev. Year 95 98 98 97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 145.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.56 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/05/02-12/11/02

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	50.33	55.60	51.08	52.19	—	—
GNR W 3	—	41.50	—	—	—	38.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	47.90	62.00
GL W XL	—	61.75	62.08	62.37	45.45	61.00
GL W LG	—	61.48	61.50	61.68	46.64	61.00
GL W MD	—	39.00	37.50	39.43	36.67	39.00
GL W SM	28.25	29.88	28.50	30.00	—	—
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	40.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	37.00	36.84	39.08
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	16.00	25.00	28.57

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-Dec-2002

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.2	26.3	-12	0
BOSTON	4.2	3.6	17	14
CHICAGO	51.3	74.4	-31	-7
DETROIT	24.4	35.6	-31	-18
KANSAS CITY	3.9	4.4	-11	-5
LOS ANGELES	88.5	94.4	-6	-48
NEW ORLEANS	13.5	13.4	1	19
NEW YORK	31.9	31.2	2	-14
ST. LOUIS	16.3	18.9	-14	-7
SAN FRANCISCO	21.7	25.9	-16	-14
TOTAL	278.9	328.1	-15	-25
4 WK MVG AVG	308.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,053	2,863	58	40		5,014
AVG WT	15.77	37.15	24.89	27.71		28.18
LAST WEEK	946	1,845	16	26		2,833
SAME WK YR AGO	2,086	2,790	53	6		4,935
AVG WT	15.56	35.88	26.73	38.42		27.18
TO-DATE/2002	91,187	135,575	2,631	640		230,033
TO-DATE/2001	99,335	135,470	2,241	559		237,605

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	861	114	24.16	(A)	869	24.16
SATL	894	95	28.27	(A)	902	28.27
N CENT	2,316	48	32.08	(A)	2,324	32.08
S CENT	429	134	21.56	(A)	437	21.56
WEST	474	137	22.26	(A)	482	22.26
U.S. TOTAL	4,974(B)	77	28.18	40	5,014	28.18
TO-DATE						
2002	229,393(B)				640	230,033
TO-DATE						
2001	237,046(B)				559	237,605

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 58,000 for the year 2,631,000; last year to date 2,241,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Dec-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,980	1,739	1,425	3,164	408
AVG WT	5.13	3.62	7.87	5.53	6.55
LAST WEEK	115,454	1,223	1,010	2,233	312
SAME WK YR AGO	156,932	1,901	1,684	3,585	508
AVG WT	5.26	3.45	7.88	5.53	6.81
TO-DATE/2002	7,570,901	84,862	69,353	154,215	20,356
TO-DATE/2001	7,520,213	87,091	67,838	154,929	24,741

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.8 million head or 7.1 million head more than or 105% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-02

	CURRENT WEEK 12/14/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/07/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	159,275(2)	159,604
LT HENS	1,991	1,856
HVY HENS	1,388	1,526
TOTAL	162,654	162,986

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Dec-02 is 146.7 million head compared to 156.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 12.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Dec-02 the estimated available is 144.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 2	157.1	156.2	101% 5.24
9	157.5	155.3	101% 5.13
16	156.0	151.3	103% 5.29
23	151.5	146.2	104% 5.16
30	116.9	145.5	80% 4.98
DECEMBER 7	153.8	146.7	105% 5.13
YEAR TO DATE	7661.7	7709.2	99%
DECEMBER 14		146.7	
21		144.4	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 12/09/02-12/14/02

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	41.00-44.00	45.02	45	46.63	89	
Los Angeles	66.00	64.51	56	61.44	115	
New York	48.00-51.00	49.73	22	49.96	45	

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
9-Dec-02	2-Dec-02	2-Dec-02	10-Dec-01
53.73	0.59	53.14	55.60

NUMBER OF LOADS 560

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-72.5	65-72.5	67.53	150
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-72	68	68.00	10
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-64	63-64	63.50	160
CENTRAL REGION	60-63	60	60.00	30
WESTERN REGION	59-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within

14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
(IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 12/09/02	2,679	109,413	70,609
AM 12/01/02	2,669	112,050	77,481
CHG	10	-2637	-6872
PCT CHG	0%	-2%	-9%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 12/09/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.16
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	4.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.34

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 12/06/02

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

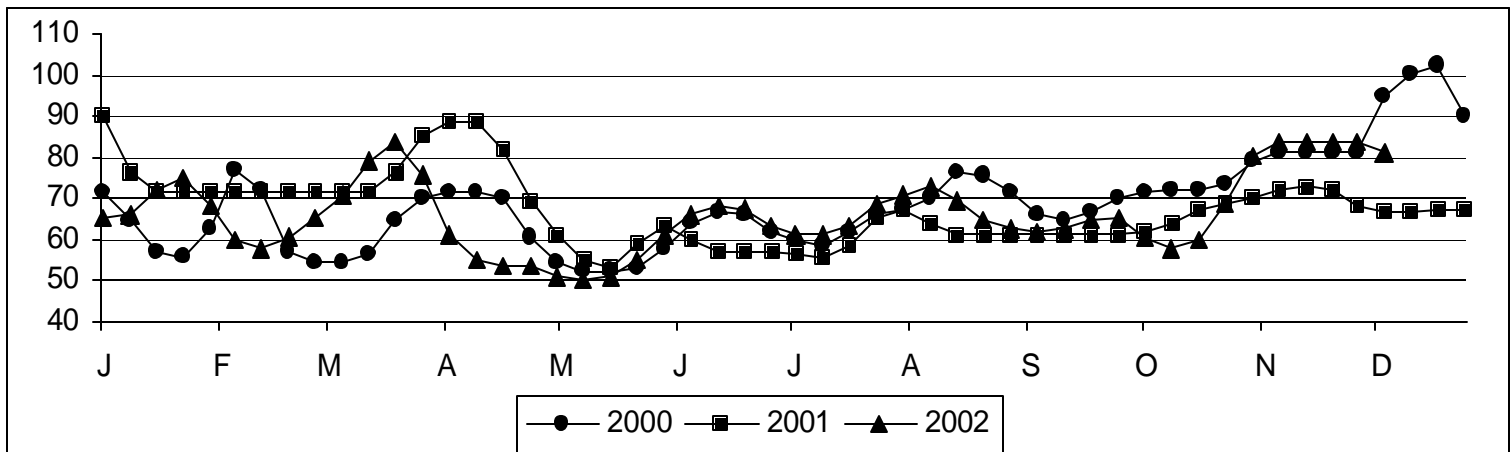
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W/E 07-Dec-02

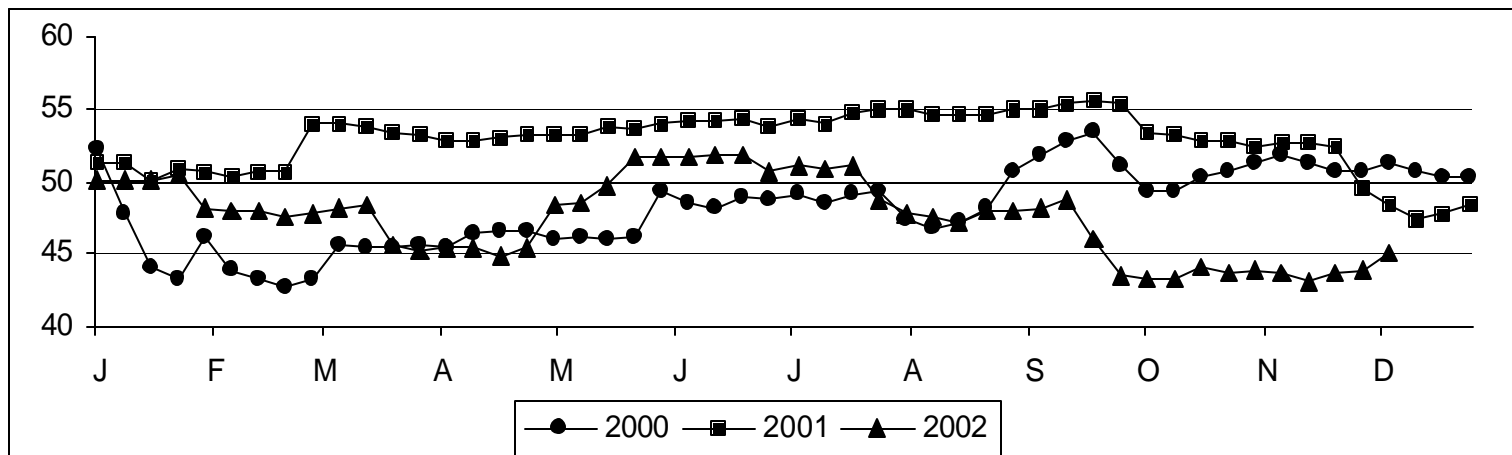
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	242.4	-1	3
E.N. CENTRAL	548.8	0	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	279.2	0	-8
S. ATLANTIC	212.4	6	9
S. CENTRAL	95.7	-1	13
WEST	193.1	1	-6
TOTAL	1571.6	1	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

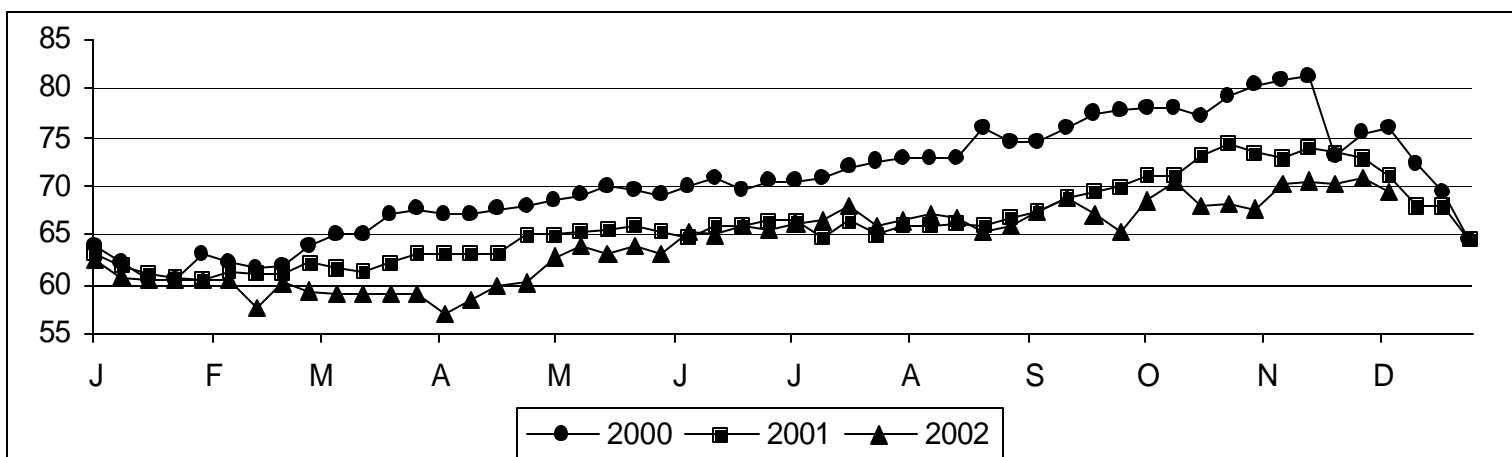
New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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